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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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<p>1. This report is the International preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of 1 sheets, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in Item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box. <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)), containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - International search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - International preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements* of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an Invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

Description, Pages

1-16 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

2-7 as originally filed
1 received on 21.01.2005 with letter of 19.01.2005

Drawings, Sheets

1/4-4/4 as originally filed

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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
 - the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-7
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-7
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-7
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

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Re Item V. Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

US 5 650 706 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and shows a motor drive apparatus comprising a demagnetization detection circuit for detecting a demagnetization rate of the permanent magnet.

The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as preventing the motor from operating at an output power level that is not adapted to the current state of demagnetization. Therefore, the demagnetization has to be determined as accurately as possible.

The solution provided by the invention to this problem is estimating an amount of demagnetization of the permanent magnet motor based on a voltage control amount of the q-axis applied in a case where the permanent magnet motor is controlled using a q-d axis transformation, and limiting the output of the permanent magnet motor when the estimated amount of demagnetization is larger than a predetermined value.

The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) because US 5 650 706 instead of limiting the output of the motor in case of demagnetization this known motor drive aims to maintain the output torque of the motor at a maximum available.

Claims 2-7 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet/s the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document US 5 650 706 is not mentioned in the description, nor is/are this document/s identified therein.